

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Takanaki VACI at al	: Examiner: K. Nguyen
Takayuki YAGI et al.	: Group Art Unit: 2881
Application No.: 09/819,672)
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For: ELECTRON OPTICAL SYSTEM ARRAY,)
CHARGED-PARTICLE BEAM EXPOSURE	: April 29, 2004
APPARATUS USING THE SAME, AND)
DEVICE MANUEACTURING METHOD	•

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Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statements filed on October 23, 2001, January 29, 2003, June 5, 2003, August 7, 2003, November 6, 2003, December 12, 2003, and January 30, 2004, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The listed patents were cited during prosecution of copending U.S. patent application number 09/819,907, filed March 29, 2001, a copy of which was previously submitted in this application.

In addition, Applicants again request consideration of the five published U.S. patent applications, which were cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 30, 2004. Applicants submit that these documents were properly cited under the rules as being relevant information and, therefore, should be considered by the Examiner. These five

published U.S. patent applications are again listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. No additional copies of these publications are provided, however, as they were previously

provided with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 30, 2004.

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Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office

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